

MINUTES OF THE
MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
October 18, 2000
MAG Office Building - Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Lloyd Harrell, Chandler, Chairman	Tom Martinsen, Paradise Valley
Scott Schrader, Avondale	Terry Ellis, Peoria
Joe Blanton, Buckeye	Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix
*Jon Pearson, Carefree	Joe LaFortune for Cynthia Seelhammer,
Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek	Queen Creek
Stuart Brackney, El Mirage	David Easchief, Salt River Pima-Maricopa
*Paul Nordin, Fountain Hills	Indian Community
Carl Stephani, Gila Bend	Roger Klingler for Jan Dolan, Scottsdale
Urban Giff, Gila River Indian Community	Bill Pupo, Surprise
Kent Cooper, Gilbert	Shannon Wilhelmsen for John Greco, Tempe
Martin Vanacour, Glendale	Ralph Velez, Tolleson
Jerene Watson for	Fred Carpenter, Wickenburg
Stephen Cleveland, Goodyear	*Lloyce Robinson, Youngtown
Mark Johnson, Guadalupe	Dick Wright for Mary Peters, ADOT
*Horatio Skeete, Litchfield Park	Tom Buick for David Smith, Maricopa County
Jeff Martin for Mike Hutchinson, Mesa	Matt Ortega for Ken Driggs, RPTA

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lloyd Harrell, Chandler, at 12:00 p.m.

Chairman Harrell announced that the new Scottsdale City Manager, Jan Dolan, was expected to join the meeting.

Chairman Harrell announced that this was the last Management Committee meeting for Carl Stephani. Chairman Harrell expressed his appreciation to Carl for his service to the region and wished him the best of luck.

2. Approval of September 13, 2000 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Harrell asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve.

Martin Vanacour moved to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2000 Management Committee meeting. Scott Schrader seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Call to the Audience

Chairman Harrell stated that a timer is available to assist the public with their presentations. He noted that public comments have a three minute time limit. When two minutes have elapsed, the yellow light will come on notifying the speaker that they have one minute to sum up. At the end

of the three minute time period, the red light will come on. He stated that for members of the audience who wish to speak, cards are available from the staff who will bring it to the Chairman. Public comment is provided at the beginning of the meeting for non-agenda items. Public comment is provided at the beginning of the meeting for consent items. For the action items on the agenda, public comment will be taken when the item is heard. Public comments are limited to three minutes.

Chairman Harrell recognized public comment from Bill Stephens, who stated that he is an environmentalist and has been a teacher for 30 years. Mr. Stephens stated that the Management Committee has the power to accomplish much in the region. Mr. Stephens stated that he wanted to address the state of the County. He held up a copy of a book, "Doing Business with Kuwait." Mr. Stephens noted that fossil fuels will be depleted within 100 years. He held up a videotape of the film, "Mad Max," about post war world without petroleum products. Mr. Stephens questioned how we will get around without fuel. He commented that the trolley will not do the job and a complete bus system is needed. The three minute time period elapsed. Chairman Harrell granted Mr. Stephens an additional 30 seconds to conclude his comments. Mr. Stephens commented on locating large venues in downtown Phoenix, which has existing infrastructure. Mr. Stephens encouraged the Management Committee to keep the Coyotes in downtown Phoenix, redo the convention space, and reconstruct America West Arena to accommodate other teams. He commented that this centralization can be accomplished with a bus system. Chairman Harrell thanked Mr. Stephens for his comments.

4. Executive Director's Report

James M. Bourey stated that MAG had received the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. He mentioned that very few MPOs have received this award.

Mr. Bourey stated that representatives from MAG and ADOT, Regional Council and MPO representatives are included on the Resource Allocation Advisory Committee (RAAC), which have been meeting recently to discuss how money for state discretionary transportation funds will be distributed. Mr. Bourey stated that recommendations will be developed for the sixth year program, a total of \$555 million and additional funding will be available during the next five years.

Mr. Bourey stated that a joint meeting of MAG and PAG to discuss transportation funding allocations and needs and new additional funding. The meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2000 from 10:30 a.m. until approximately 2:00 p.m. in Casa Grande.

Mr. Bourey stated that a partnering meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2000 for MAG and ADOT staff. The purpose of the meeting is to continue building the working relationship between MAG and ADOT staff.

Mr. Bourey stated that Intellisys, the firm hired to implement the videoconferencing system, has sold their assets to another company and filed for bankruptcy. Mr. Bourey noted that most, but not all, of the videoconferencing equipment has been delivered.

Mr. Bourey stated that a special meeting on November 16, 2000 is planned to discuss Growing Smarter. He noted that an attorney will speak on potential impacts of the election results.

Mr. Bourey stated that the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation has expressed interest in participating in MAG.

Mr. Bourey introduced new MAG employees. Doug Collins received his Bachelor's degree in Environmental Health from Boise State University and is MAG's Air Quality Conformity Manager. Mr. Collins formerly worked for Bechtel. Jack Tomasik is a returnee to Arizona. Formerly, in Arizona, he was a consultant for Mountain West. Mr. Tomasik received a Bachelor's degree from Ohio State University and spent the past four years as a consultant in Pennsylvania. Mr. Tomasik will replace MAG's Regional Development Manager. Chairman Harrell thanked Mr. Bourey for his report and asked if there were any questions.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chairman Harrell stated that public comment is provided at the beginning of the meeting for consent items. Chairman Harrell stated that any member of the Committee may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda and considered individually. Chairman Harrell stated that Mr. Vanacour had requested that agenda items #6 and #7 be removed from consent and be heard.

Chairman Harrell noted that item #8 remained on the consent agenda. Chairman Harrell noted that no public comment cards had been turned in. He asked if any member had comments or questions on agenda item #8. Hearing none, he asked for a motion.

Ralph Velez moved to recommend approval of consent agenda item #8. Tom Martinsen seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

8. Approval of Draft July 1, 2000 Maricopa County Resident Population Update

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the July 1, 2000 Maricopa County Resident Population Update provided that it is within one percent of the draft update of 2,991,250. The Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) has prepared a Draft July 1, 2000 Resident Population Update for the State of Arizona and the counties within Arizona. DES derived a resident population of 5,045,275 for the State of Arizona and 2,991,250 for Maricopa County. For Maricopa County this represents an increase of 77,775 people in the last year, or 2.7 percent.

6. Submission of Applications for the Transportation and Community and System Preservation Pilot Program

This agenda item was taken off the consent agenda.

Mr. Vanacour indicated that he had a statement regarding this item. He commented on a commuter rail study being prepared by RPTA. Mr. Vanacour requested that consideration be given to elevated fixed rail, as long as 25 miles for the Glendale segment, along Grand Avenue. Because of the uncertainty on the TCSP grant for the RTPA proposal, Mr. Vanacour asked MAG initiate a study of the elevated rail along Grand Ave with the results of the MAG study incorporated into the RPTA project if the TCSP grant is awarded.

Jeff Martin stated that consideration needs to be given to commuter rail. He indicated that light rail serves for short trips in downtown areas, but peak hour and suburban travel need higher speed commuter rail.

Dennis Smith stated that in the past, TCSP funding has been mainly discretionary. He said that \$20 million has been earmarked, leaving \$10 million available nationally. Mr. Smith stated that when MAG received TCSP funding previously, there was a 10-month wait. Mr. Smith noted that TCSP funding is not a sure, immediate source. He commented that the RPTA study could include commuter rail.

7. 9-1-1 Five Year System Management Plan

This agenda item was taken off the consent agenda.

A MAG working group comprised of the Oversight Team chairman and several Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Managers was formed to review the current state of the system and make recommendations for the direction of the 911 system over the next five years.

Mr. Vanacour stated his support for the Plan. He expressed appreciation for the efforts in drafting the Plan. Mr. Vanacour indicated his concern with resolving the deficit as illustrated on page three of the report. He read the statement on page three, "The demand on the state 911 fund will soon begin to exceed yearly revenues and it is imperative that these funds support only the 911 system," and asked who else could use these funds.

Chairman Harrell introduced Harry Beck, Deputy Chief with the Phoenix Fire Department and Chair of the 911 Oversight Team. Chief Beck stated that the deficit reflected the upgrade of equipment to accommodate wireless equipment usage. He explained that the graph illustrates the cost implementations for the next four fiscal years. Chief Beck noted that the bulk of the expenditures will take place in fiscal years 2002, 2003 and 2004. Chief Beck indicated that initially, misinformation had been released by JLBC reflecting a 911 budget surplus. This information did not take wireless implementation into consideration. Chief Beck stated that the intention of the statement was to maintain funding for the 911 system and that this funding stream would not support other purposes. Mr. Vanacour asked the Oversight Team's position to resolve this issue. Chief Beck explained that the funding method is based on a 911 surcharge established by the State Legislature. He indicated that the League of Cities and Towns endorsed an initiative to address this issue and increase the current surcharge.

Chief Beck indicated that the Oversight Team is continuing to work on this issue and is open to alternatives. Chairman Harrell expressed appreciation for the efforts on the Plan. He asked for a motion.

Bill Pupo moved to recommend approval of the MAG 911 Five Year System Management Plan. Kent Cooper seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

9. FY 2001 MAG Enhanced Early Phase Input Opportunity Report

Kelly Taft stated that a copy of the FY 2001 Early Phase Input Opportunity Report was at each place. She explained that the full report was provided instead of the executive summary in response to concerns expressed by citizens that materials they turned in were not being made

adequately available to decision makers. Ms. Taft stated that the MAG Regional Council adopted a public involvement process for receiving public input, comments and suggestions on transportation planning and programming. This is done in accord with federal requirements. Ms. Taft stated that the process includes timely public notice, complete information on transportation plans, public access to key decisions and opportunities for early and continuing involvement in the planning process. This process includes the early input phase, mid-phase, final phase, and continuous involvement.

Ms. Taft stated that in developing the Transportation Improvement Program and Long Range Plan, MAG solicits input from the public. She stated that a regional stakeholders meeting, two open houses and other public events were held during the early phase input opportunity. Events also included a presentation to the Arizona Bridge to Independent Living, for people with disabilities, and a meeting of the Southwest Transit Assessment and Review Team. Ms. Taft noted that extended public comment periods were provided at many MAG committee meetings. Ms. Taft displayed a slide that showed the public input that was received on current ongoing studies, such as the CANAMEX Corridor, where more than 700 people participated.

Ms. Taft stated that most of the comments received during the early phase were for transit, followed by services for persons with disabilities. She summarized some of the comments received to improve transit hours and frequency of service, transportation connectivity, and bike facilities, freeways, and Intelligent Transportation Systems. Ms. Taft stated that comments also expressed a need for elderly transportation and a regional airport outside the metro area.

Ms. Taft stated that MAG is committed to the principles of Title VI and Environmental Justice and seeks to gain input from underserved communities. She stated that MAG is in the process of hiring four associates to work with Hispanic, African-American, Native American and disabled communities. These associates will serve as a link to the community and create a network for MAG in the targeted areas. Chairman Harrell thanked Ms. Taft for her presentation and asked if there were any questions.

10. Regional Transportation Plan Consultant Selection

Eric Anderson reviewed the selection process for a consultant to develop the new Regional Transportation Plan. He stated that MAG received three proposals in response to a Request for Proposals from the consulting teams of Parsons Brinckerhoff, Transcore, Gunn Communications, and Goodman/Schwartz; URS and BRW, Curt Lueck Associates, VRPA Technologies, and Selena Barlow Marketing Consultant; and Wilbur Smith Associates, Kimley Horn and Associates, RH & Associates.

Mr. Anderson stated that the Regional Transportation Plan Advisors, made up of the chairs of the MAG transportation committees, the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee, the Human Services Technical Committee, a representative of the Indian communities, and representatives of three transportation agencies, was formed on the advice of the Transportation Subcommittee. The Advisors evaluated the proposals and recommended interviewing the three firms. Mr. Anderson stated that the interviews were conducted on October 4, 2000 and a consensus was reached to select URS Corporation. The Transportation Review Committee and the Regional Council Transportation Subcommittee recommended that URS Corporation be selected. Mr. Anderson stated that it is requested to recommend approval of the consultant firm URS Corporation to the Regional Council for action at their November 1, 2000 meeting.

Fred Carpenter stated that as a member of the RTP Advisors Group, he supported the selection of URS Corporation. He moved to recommend approval of the selection of a consultant firm URS Corporation to develop Phase One of the Regional Transportation Plan for an amount of \$510,000. Mr. Vanacour seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

11. Recommendation for the Future Designation of the CANAMEX Corridor Through the Maricopa Region

Chris Voigt gave an overview of the process begun in November 1999 for determining a joint recommendation of the CANAMEX route by MAG and ADOT. He stated that Kimley-Horn compiled technical evaluation data. Input was received from stakeholders forums, open houses, and public meetings. Mr. Voigt explained the federal designation of the CANAMEX Corridor. The corridor is specified to run from Nogales, Arizona through Las Vegas, to Salt Lake City to Idaho Falls to Montana to the Canadian border. Mr. Voigt displayed a map of the route alternatives considered in the designation process.

Mr. Voigt stated that more than 700 people participated in the input process. He summarized the key points heard during the consultation period. For the northern section of the designation the comments were: do not designate Loop 303 or the Sun Valley Parkway; locate the corridor west of the White Tank Mountains; consider Wickenburg/Vulture Mine Road or Eagle Eye Road; link to Wickenburg Bypass; and consider findings of related studies when they become available. Mr. Voigt mentioned that the Eagle Eye was dropped from consideration in November 1999, but was returned to the list as a result of a request by the County at the July 2000 forum. Mr. Voigt showed a slide that displayed the related studies underway and their anticipated completion dates in 2001.

Mr. Voigt stated that for the southern section, support for I-8 and SR 85 was heard. Overall, designation of the entire corridor as soon as possible was preferred. Mr. Voigt stated that a presentation was given to the Governor's CANAMEX Task Force on September 14, 2000. After considering the results of the study and comments received, the Task Force unanimously passed two resolutions supporting the direction of the joint recommendation. Mr. Voigt stated that the joint recommendation was for the future designation of I-8 to SR 85 to I-10 and the Wickenburg Bypass, with no recommendation for the connection between I-10 and the Wickenburg Bypass until further study is completed. Further, the location the I-10 to Wickenburg Bypass connection is to be constrained outside of the nonattainment area for PM-10, eliminating Loops 303 and 101 and any other route through the urban center.

Mr. Voigt displayed a map presenting the joint recommendation. He noted that benefits to the region from the joint recommendation would include a new alternative route for truckers, safety and air quality advantages for the urban center, and federal funding for which SR 85 and the Wickenburg Bypass would be better positioned. Mr. Voigt showed a schedule of presentations to committees, with anticipated action by the Regional Council on November 1, 2000. He said that the designation would be considered by the State Transportation Board before Federal designation.

Mr. Vanacour commented that designation is imperative and needed as soon as possible, in order to move ahead and apply for potential funding. He moved that staff would present a designation recommendation of the undetermined route in Maricopa County within six months. Mr. Martin seconded. Before a vote was taken, Chairman Harrell asked Mr. Vanacour to clarify that his

motion included recommending approval of the MAG/ADOT CANAMEX report and approval of the resolution for the future designation of the CANAMEX Corridor through the Maricopa region. Mr. Vanacour confirmed that his motion did include these recommendations. Chairman Harrell asked the second if he agreed. Mr. Martin stated his agreement. A vote was taken on the motion to recommend approval of the MAG/ADOT CANAMEX report and approval of the resolution for the future designation of the CANAMEX Corridor through the Maricopa region with the understanding that the remainder of the undetermined route in Maricopa County be designated within six months. The motion passed with Frank Fairbanks voting no.

12. Recommendation of Prioritized List of Proposed PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects for FY 2001 CMAQ Funding

Chairman Harrell introduced Stephen Cleveland, Chair of the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee. Mr. Cleveland stated that the Committee is composed of local government, citizens, and industrial representatives. He explained that the Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the Management Committee for air quality matters. Mr. Cleveland stated that the Committee is currently involved with air quality planning activities mandated under the Clean Air Act. He stated that last year, the Serious Area Particulate plan was revised to include the additional paving of unpaved roads and PM-10 certified street sweepers to reduce dust on paved roads. Mr. Cleveland noted that \$5.7 million in CMAQ funds were programmed in the FY 2001-2005 TIP for the purchase of PM-10 certified street sweepers.

Mr. Cleveland stated that 21 project requests totaling \$2.6 million in federal funds were received from agencies for the available \$960,000 programmed in the current TIP for FY 2001. He explained that the projects were evaluated by MAG staff to estimate emission reductions, in accordance with CMAQ guidance. Mr. Cleveland stated that the Committee extensively discussed the best way to allocate the available funds, including cost effectiveness, emission reductions, location of monitors where PM-10 violations have occurred, and regional geographic distribution. Mr. Cleveland stated that the Committee deliberated extensively and recommended a prioritized list based on current funding, for eight sweepers that may be purchased for FY 2001. Mesa, Glendale, Paradise Valley, Chandler, Gilbert and Tolleson were recommended for one sweeper. The City of Phoenix was recommended for two sweepers.

Mr. Cleveland mentioned that funding is not currently available to support all of the project requests. He stated that the requested recommendation is for the list of prioritized projects and the list be retained in the event that additional funds become available as a result of redistributed obligation authority or adjustments. Chairman Harrell thanked Mr. Cleveland for his report and asked if there were any questions.

Roger Klingler asked if the local resource allocation, as shown on the table attachment, had been used by the Committee in the prioritization. Cari Anderson, MAG staff, replied that the table had been supplied to the Committee for consideration, but that item had not been used to prioritize requests.

Hearing no further questions, Chairman Harrell asked for a motion. Mr. Martin moved to recommend a prioritized list of proposed PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects for FY 2001 CMAQ funding and retain the prioritized list for additional redistributed obligation authority, or federal funds made available to this region resulting from adjustments due to the federal revenue aligned budget authority. Mr. Martinsen seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

13. Management Committee Retreat

Chairman Harrell noted that the Management Committee retreat is scheduled for December 15, 2000 at the Phoenix Airport Marriott. The day will begin with a continental breakfast and discussion will begin at 9:00 a.m. The retreat is expected to conclude at approximately 1:00 or 2:00 p.m. Chairman Harrell requested that members mark their calendars. He noted that discussions from the retreat would be discussed at the Regional Council retreat in January. Chairman Harrell requested that members submit suggested topics to Mr. Bourey. He asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Martin suggested that a group be formed to assist on drafting the retreat agenda. Chairman Harrell stated that those interested in serving on the group contact Mr. Bourey in the next couple of weeks.

14. Lessons Learned from ICMA

Chairman Harrell stated that Mr. Cleveland would share his insights gained at the International City County Management Association annual conference. Mr. Cleveland handed out copies of "Effective Knowledge Management: Promoting Organizational Learning," a presentation given by Frank Benest a workshop at the conference. Mr. Cleveland spoke about organizational learning. He stated that thinking "outside the box" should be encouraged. Local governments need to change, because the private sector can compete. This can make local governments better.

Mr. Cleveland referred to a picture of a blank light bulb included in the packet. He explained an exercise by writing an idea in the blank light bulb and passing it around for feedback. Mr. Cleveland stated that all comments are written down and could facilitate building a better project. Mr. Cleveland stated that reading more books to learn new ways of doing things. Mr. Cleveland stated that the key is agility and learning. Organizations don't learn, people do. Mr. Cleveland noted that organizational change can be accomplished by reading, teaching and applying. He stated that a generation is arriving, and their expectations need to be included in their development. Mr. Cleveland stated that empowering people and listening to their suggestions energizes them. Chairman Harrell thanked Mr. Cleveland for his presentation. He indicated that anyone interested in sharing their insights from the conference and giving a presentation could contact Mr. Bourey.

There being no further business, Chairman Harrell asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Martinsen moved, Mr. Vanacour seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary